



5th Grade Updates

Friday, February 6th 2020

| Exciting Events | Willow Creek Community |
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| <p>February 12: 5-7pm Black History Month Celebration @ BMLK cafeteria <i>*Dinner provided</i></p> <p>February 17-21: Mid Winter Break</p> | <p>This week, 5th grade has done a great job re-taking MAP tests, and trying hard to do their best, and even better than that! I admire their GROWTH MINDSET and PERSISTENCE!</p> <p>5th Grade will be presenting at morning assemblies during February. The value of the month is INCLUSION, and we will be focusing on Black History Month. Ms St. Denny's class is presenting next week.</p> <p>5th Grade will be included in BMLK's evening celebration of Black History! Our classes will be presenting and families are encouraged to attend. A separate email has gone out for a food headcount. Thank you for your responses.</p> <p>If possible, parents, consider donating recess snacks! We have a few students who aren't coming with snacks, yet are hungry at recess. They are sprouting like weeds, these 5th graders!</p> |

Curriculum Corner

Math:

This week we continued our work with DECIMALS between 0 and 1. Students had two small formative assessments, which allow us teachers to see who we need to support toward gaining mastery with discrete skills: ordering and comparing fractions, and determining place value of digits to the right of a decimal point. Students also used visual decimal grids to add decimals.

Applied practice: You can look up weather. Ask "What was the total rainfall last week?" or track your favorite teams wins and losses record.

Science

This week, after exploring what an aquifer is, we played a game where they went looking for clues that would indicate a water source, and then they had to decide where to build a town and dig a well! We are learning about fresh water sources, their limits and how we need to be respectful of this system.

ELA/SS/Writing

This week, as part of our study of American History work, we focused on Black History month. We wrote about famous African Americans beyond MLK, and started to consider the rich culture and history of Africans in America.

Reading

In connection to our informational writing, we are reading and working on skills related to non-fiction texts. We are using [ReadWorks](#), an on-line program, to help support students

reading of non-fiction. They can log in through their Google Classroom accounts. Or,
 Schmidt Classcode: RBA3ZP
 St. Denny Classcode: **YCSVZW**

References

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

Math:

Website: www.pearsonrealize.com

Username: (firstinitial)(lastname)wca **Example:** jschmidtwca

Password: Wca31 _ _ _ (followed by their student number) **Ex:** Wca31000

Website: **Dreambox** <https://play.dreambox.com/login/z7a8/willowca>

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[Multiplication Blaster Game](#)

[Multiplication Games](#)

Science:

Website: [Mystery Science](#) Watery Planet! (We are only using parts of this Mystery Science Unit in class)

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5th Grade Specials:

| Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 2:20-3:00 P.E. | 8:35-9:00 Library (every other week) 1:10-2:00 Music (St. Denny) Art (Schmidt) | 10:20-11:10 Music (Schmidt) Art (St. Denny) | 10:20-11:00 P.E. |